

WEEKLY SHORT STORY

THE INDEPENDENCE OF CATHERINE.

By James Osborne.

"Well, I'll tell you this much, Helen; if you ever see me letting any man take my arm, you can just know I'm engaged to him." So said independent Catherine Potter to her chum, Helen Wild. "I know we live in a sleepy, backwoods, old-fashioned town, but the way the girls here let the men pilot them from one end of the town to the other, just as if they couldn't walk quite as well by themselves, I think is ridiculous. And now you, of all people, I followed you for eleven blocks on my way up here today, and I do believe Billy Landis has his hand on your elbow half the way. I think it's awfully silly."

"But I can't help it," Helen defended herself. "If a man says 'May I?' when you come to a crowded crossing, and then forgets to take his hand away, what can I do? I don't know."

"Well, I do," said Catherine, straightening herself up to the fullness of her 5 feet 2. "You can say that you don't like to be led about like a baby. You can say 'Please don't.'"

"But I don't like being disagreeable," Helen went on. "I've just got some sense."

"Naturally," Helen acknowledged the truth of the statement. Certainly men do not find Catherine disagreeable. They seemed to like her independence. Although Helen did justice to Catherine's powers of attraction, she would not admit openly the right of Catherine's point of view.

"Anyway, Catherine Potter," she contended, "I'll wager you a pound of chocolate that within a week you'll forget yourself and some of us will see you calmly letting a man steer you about this old town of Warren."

"No, indeed," reiterated Catherine. "If you, or anybody else, ever sees me letting any man pilot me around by the arm unless, of course, it's night in a big crowd, where I just can't get along by myself, you can just know I'm engaged to him. And then, even, I won't like it."

Helen chuckled to herself over her friend's explosive declaration of her beliefs and privileges. And before the day was over she had passed on the story of Catherine's declaration to many of the young people who made up what was called the younger set of Warren's socially elect. These, in turn, had passed it on to their elders, and soon all Warren was smiling to itself at Catherine's expense.

So it was that William Landis, one of the men who found Catherine's independence irresistible, hit upon a plan.

"I know that Catherine likes me, at least," he mused to himself, thinking of the time, a week or so ago, when the spirited Catherine had refused to listen to his plea of love on the ground that he was talking nonsense. "She is just afraid to let herself go. She's so used to being independent, she does not know how to be anything else. I may be mean, but I'll put her in a position where she has to explain things, and then we'll see what will happen."

William kept his plans to himself, not even confiding it to his good friend Helen Wild, who had told him of Catherine's declaration.

Warren boasted one business street of importance called Main Street. It was necessary that all the town, when it went shopping or visiting or to its work, should at some time or other cross or traverse this thoroughfare.

One day, a few days after Catherine's call upon Helen, William Landis, returning to his office after luncheon, suddenly saw Catherine coming unsuspectingly toward him down Main street. He quickly prepared to put his carefully formed plans into practice.

Just as Catherine caught sight of him, when she was only a few feet away, William skillfully shook his eyes-glasses from his nose. Both lenses shattered themselves on the stone sidewalk. In apparent consternation he stopped and groped about the sidewalk, finally picking up and pocketing the gold nose-piece. He squinted his eyes and stared at Catherine as she stopped in front of him.

"Oh, that is you, Catherine. I couldn't quite make you out. I am in an awful hole," he lied glibly. "Glasses broken and I can't see three feet away. I suppose I will have to



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stagger home the best way I can." William smiled, sighed, lifted his hat, and started to walk away. He carefully collided with a lamp post.

"Billy," said Catherine, forgetting her prejudices in a moment, "I just can't let you go running into things like that. Here," she said, putting her hand on his arm. "Couldn't I guide you?"

"Why, you are awfully good. If you don't mind, just to my office door; or just till we see some little boy that would take a poor beggar like me for a quarter."

"No, indeed," said Catherine decidedly. "I can just as well walk home by way of your office as not, and nobody'll notice that I'm leading you; they'll think you are just helping me. I'm not going to have any little ragamuffin leading you around like a blind beggar; why, you'd be getting a dog and a tin cup next!"

Catherine rallied on, trying to distract William's attention from his plight.

"I didn't know his eyes were so dreadfully bad as all that," she soliloquized.

William lagged and pretended to stumble to prolong the pleasant walk. In the meantime he looked anxiously about for a familiar face. His search was rewarded. Making their way through the crowd were two of Catherine's friends, young women who were also friends of Helen Wild. He saw them exchange a knowing glance as they bowed and passed on. A moment later Helen Wild's brother passed and bowed and smiled elaborately at the two who were walking arm in arm. From the corner of his near-sighted eye William saw a slow blush mount into Catherine's cheek. But she clung to his arm the more tightly.

"Billy, I had no idea your eyes were so—well, that you had any trouble in seeing without your glasses," she said at last.

"It's just near-sightedness. Now, from here," he leaned toward her, "I can see you as well as I ever could. The trouble will doubtless improve with time if I got the right treatment."

Catherine lowered her eyelids. But as she did so she caught a glimpse of a man hurrying past him. It was her father.

"Well!" He stopped for a moment in front of them, then, with a chuckle and a nod, passed on.

"William Landis, I—" began Catherine, suddenly angry, drawing her hand from William's arm. But as she looked at the apparently helpless man at her side, groping ridiculously in front of her, she impulsively slipped her hand back in place. "Aren't we most there?" she questioned meekly.

"But I said they needed proper treatment, Catherine," complained William.

"Oh—the oculist, of course! Well, where is he?"

"BB: I don't think his treatment does any good. It is the treatment they are giving them they need."

He hesitated. Ahead of them they saw Helen Wild. Catherine, half angry, wholly confused, found herself trembling. She clasped her free hand over the other to steady herself. And thus, hanging on William Landis's arm, blushing, with downcast eyes, Helen and half the rest of Warren saw her.

Helen stopped, and Catherine and William untangled their arms in order to shake hands with her.

"You dear thing," she said loudly. "I think it's just perfectly splendid. Congratulations and best wishes." And with beaming smile she passed on while the by-standers turned to stare at the foolish-looking girl and joyous-looking man standing together.

William drew Catherine into a quiet and deserted side street. Then he took his arm away.

"Well, Catherine," he said, "I sup-

pose I did take an unfair advantage of you. But everyone knows by now that you have actually walked up Main Street with your arm in mine."

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WHIPPING POST FOR WIFE BEATERS

GOV. OF CONNECTICUT THINKS THAT WOULD DECREASE BRUTALITY BY HUSBANDS.

RICHMOND, VA.—Special. Whipping posts for wife-beaters were advocated by Governor Simon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut, in an address delivered before the Conference of Governors at the Jefferson Hotel yesterday afternoon. The Connecticut executive did not believe in small fines. Bodily punishment, he thought, would serve to decrease wife-beating and discourage wife-beaters better than anything else.

"Apprehension of bodily pain," said Governor Baldwin, "is a strong deterrent. Whipping is often the best incentive to education and reform. Sending people to prison, there to remain at the will of one man or a set of men, does not comport with our modern ideas of government. The community and the prisoner should know what the punishment is. The State cannot accept remorse in lieu of penalty. Nor should a sentence without definite termination work as a bribe about a virtual pardon. Public justice demands serious punishment for serious offenses."

THEY FOLLOW IN NATURAL SEQUENCE, SAYS GOVERNOR DONAGHEY, OF ARKANSAS.

RICHMOND, VA.—Special. Stringent laws against the sale and carrying of concealed weapons were advocated before the Conference of Governors yesterday afternoon by Governor George Donaghey, of Arkansas, who was severe in his criticism of States that permit the sale of weapons and then impose fines for carrying them.

The Governor equally denounced conditions which allow the illicit sale of liquor, especially during political campaigns and elections.

"I have never," he declared, "pardoned a man convicted of carrying a concealed weapon or illicitly selling whiskey. There is scarcely ever a lynching without a jug of liquor somewhere in the background."

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Just now the indications are that velvet, plush and velour coats are going to be popular this winter. This will be welcome news for the women who desire a nice, warm coat and do not care to wear the really heavy fur garments which have been used for the past few years.

Picture Gowns. Once again it is the picturesque gown of original design that leads the way where evening fashions are concerned, and the fortunate woman who is blessed with artistic perceptions and an instinct for dress may congratulate herself upon the fact that she will have an opportunity this season of designing her own frocks, in this way giving them all the charm of individuality. So long as an evening gown is becoming and not too far removed in general outline from the approved silhouette of the moment, almost any style may be chosen which may happen to suit the personality of the wearer.

There are always those, however, who prefer to have their frocks designed for them, and with this in mind the suggestions offered in a charming model of an evening gown will not come amiss. A large embroidered butterfly was its chief adornment. The fabric chosen is that soft, bright satin, which is known as "satin supreme," and while the color is a lovely shade of bright granum pink, a near relation of cerise, but rather more brilliant at night, and curiously becoming alike to dark and fair.

A broad band of very fine silver lace holds in the satin draperies quite lightly below the knees, the lace being caught together and kept in place by a giant butterfly, composed of silver and tridacene bead embroideries, intermingled with colored silks, reproducing the actual shades seen in the wings, and outlined with glittering brilliants. The satin bodice is quite simply draped and finished at the waist by a folded belt of the same soft fabric.

The Waistline Once More. With the return of the natural waist line, or one very little above the natural, detachable belts have, of course, come back to us in many dainty forms. Black velvet is the most popular material for these, which are in almost every case of a style approaching the sash. That is, although they fit closely around the waist, they are adorned with one or two ends or loops.

A smart model of two-inch black velvet has a flat bow at the back, as narrow as the belt itself, with two ends of unequal length, and also hanging flat, edged with balls of black silk cravat work. Another, of wide black watered silk, folded to the convenient width, has a more fluffy, upright bow, with one loop sticking up and one lying down, over a broad end with silk fringes.

The stole idea is prevalent in most of them, as in a black velvet belt with two elaborately fringed and tasseled ends hanging immediately over each other at the left side of the front. Colored elastic, or petersham, belts are also very smart for wear with tweeds. They are fastened with plain silver or oxidized buckles, or with enamel done in silver and repeating the color of the belt exactly.

Timely Tip. Dry and brittle hair should not be shampooed oftener than once a month, or once every six weeks. Oil should be applied to the roots of the hair about twice a week, parting the hair and dipping the finger tips into the oil. This is then applied directly to the scalp, being careful to avoid getting it on the hair.

RECIPES. Chestnut Dressing. Shell one quart of chestnuts, large size, and scald them until the brown skins are soft. Drain them, turn on to a towel, cover with another towel and rub with the hands until they are blanched. Wash, cover with boiling water and cook slowly until tender. Drain and chop fine. Add a level teaspoonful of salt, a saltspoonful of pepper, a rounding teaspoonful of butter melted. Mix and use as a stuffing for a young hen turkey.

Tomato Sauce. Mince two large onions fine. Put into frying pan with two tablespoonfuls of melted butter and fry to a delicate brown. Stir frequently. Add one quart tomatoes. Let cook awhile. Put through sieve in order to remove bits of onions and seeds of tomatoes.

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matons. Return to frying pan, thickened with two tablespoonfuls or more flour. Add a little butter. Serve with fish.

Baked Fish. Make stuffing as follows: One and one-half cupfuls of cracker crumbs, one-fourth cupful of melted butter, one tablespoonful of chopped pickles, one tablespoonful of chopped onion, one-half teaspoonful salt, one-third teaspoonful pepper and sage to suit taste. Fill fish and sew. Cut slice two inches apart on the sides and lay in each a thin strip of fat pork. Place in baking pan on some thin slices of fat pork. Pour over it one cupful salted boiling water, in which two tablespoonfuls butter have been melted. Dust over all salt, pepper and flour. Quick oven. Bake quite often. When flesh begins to separate from bones it is done. Transfer to hot platter. If you have more stuffing than fish will hold, sew the remainder in cheese cloth bag and place beside fish in the pan.

Potato Puff. Boil three large potatoes until soft, drain the water from them and mash. Add one cupful of milk, one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of flour, one saltspoonful of baking powder, yolks of two eggs beaten in the potato until light. Add the beaten whites last. Put in the oven in a greased dish until browned on top. When eggs are high leave them out and find the puff is all eaten just the same, but of course the eggs add to the dish very much.

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